

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gerlach, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/970607 EXAMINER: Terry Alan McKelvey
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FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

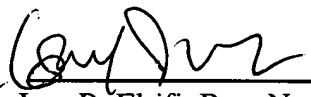
1. Amendment and Response to Requirement for Restriction (6 pages);
2. Petition for extension of time (1 page);
3. Check No. 18017 in the amount of \$475.00 for extension of time fee; and
4. Return postcard.

The Applicant in the above-identified application is now a small entity, and is therefore entitled to claim status as a small entity. If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.15966-675CIP2.

Respectfully submitted,

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